



# THE MORNING NEWS

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## During Energy symposium WEB NV lectured students on their operation

During the 2013 Green Education Symposium, held last Monday and Tuesday, WEB Aruba N.V. lectured students from secondary schools regarding the company's production of water and electricity within the context of the change to sustainability of their production and distribution of electricity.

This symposium was organized by the National Library and SETAR NV.

Danilo Croes and Sandro de Cuba of the Technical Affairs department of WEB explained how WEB intends to combine wind energy and other future sustainable energy within their program so as to keep electricity to the community stable, reliable and sustainable.

During a presentation titled, "Aruba moving towards a more sustainable island," with simple illustrations, they



demonstrated how it would be if there was no electricity 24 hours per day for Aruba; commerce, the airport, hotel sector, hospital, these all need electricity to comply with their tasks and services to the community. This is why WEB must always ensure that their system is stable and reliable.

Aruba has chosen to become a sustainable island and will be using energy sources that are more sustainable, such as the sun, more wind, and biogas taken from the remains of burned trash and from other sources of energy that never ends. WEB is the leader in this process. Their goal is to help reduce the dependence on expensive combustible fuel, and to also reduce the emission of poisonous gasses into our environment.

They formed two teams of enthusiastic students. One team represented the demand for electricity for all of Aruba, and the other team represented the energy sources: the sun, wind, biogas and the RECIP motors at WEB. Through the pulling of a rope, the teams were able to experience what happens when the demand for electricity becomes greater than the supply of electricity. And, what happens when the wind falls and the supply of wind energy has to be replaced by energy generated from the RECIP motors.

With the sounding of an alarm and the outing of the lights in the WESTIN ballroom they simulated a black-out, which caused quite a stir in the room by the audience.

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## World Malaria Day brings a network of citizens together



Every April 25, World Malaria Day marks an annual milestone to rally support for the fight against malaria.

Every 60 seconds a child dies from malaria, a disease spread by a single mosquito bite. Through JCI's partnership with the UN Foundation, JCI members have risen to meet this global challenge with the JCI Nothing But Nets campaign, which delivers insecticide-treated nets to sub-Saharan Africa. JCI members living in areas where malaria poses a direct threat assist with distribution and education on

the nets' proper use. Those living in areas free of malaria-spreading mosquitoes raise awareness and funds so each and every family at risk can sleep safely at night.

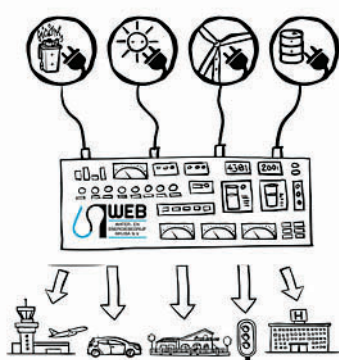
Since 2008, JCI members have raised funds to deliver more than 100,000 nets to Africa. But many more families still need help. More than 130,000 refugees fleeing the violence on the border of South Sudan are now at high risk of contracting malaria.

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### WEB manages the balance between demand and production



Peace icon Desmond Tutu in hospital for 'persistent infection.'

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The office is situated at L.G. Smith Boulevard 66, in the former RBTT office, in front of the Seaport Mall. For appointments, call telephone 583-8181 or send an e-mail to [www.censo.aw](http://www.censo.aw).

On the day of the appoint-

ment, applicants must bring along the passport to be renewed or some other valid form of identification, a passport photo of the required size and the exact fee of the passport. Minors must be accompanied by both parents.

Citizens are encouraged to visit the Civil Registration and Census Facebook page for more information on the different services rendered there.

The Civil Registration and Census offices kindly ask everyone to use this new service for making appointments. It is more efficient and avoids the needs of standing for hours in the line.

## Stellaris Casino hosts popular show 'Nos Mainta - The Dutch Clogs'

PALM BEACH – The Stellaris Casino at the Marriott announces that it is ready for this year's Queen's Day festivities with a most unusual event. The celebration starts tomorrow, April 26, with a live transmission of the popular Aruban TV program 'Nos Mainta.'

The theme of Friday's program is "The Dutch Clogs" named for those famous wooden shoes. Transmission will be live and direct from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

During the transmission, all Stellaris Casino patrons, thru Random Pick, have the chance to participate for attractive Slot Cash prizes. Patrons also have the chance to receive bonus Slot Cash when accumulating 100 points or more.

Besides these exceptional prizes, all players who participated between the periods of April 19 to April 26 and accumulated more than 200 points, will receive a \$10 Slot Cash.

The event is just one of the many promotions that Stellaris Casino is offering to all its clients.

For more information about this big promotion, visit their VIP desk, or the website [www.stellariscasino.com](http://www.stellariscasino.com).

You can also follow all the activities on their Facebook page: "Stellaris Casino"

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## WEB NV lectured students...

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With a projection on the future, WEB has invested a great deal into their automation system to be ready to manage their system in a reliable and dependable manner into the future as well.

WEB is pleased they were able to contribute to the awareness and education of students those aspects playing such an important role in the direction Aruba intends to go with sustainability. WEB expressed their thanks to the National Library, and SETSAR NV their principal sponsor as well as the Green 'S Cool organization who was part of the interesting symposium.

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## World Malaria Day brings ...together

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As the UN Refugee Agency works to provide food, water and shelter, the UN Foundation's Nothing But Nets campaign is aiming to send 100,000 life-saving nets, the most cost-effective way to help these families sleep safely. In Aruba we can also help meet this goal.

JCI YALA (Young Active Leaders of Aruba) which is also part of JCI will soon launch its project 'Aruba United Against Malaria' with the goal to raise awareness for the importance of contributing to the fight against malaria.

JCI is a membership-based nonprofit organization of young active citizens ages 18 to 40 in more than 100 countries who are dedicated to creating positive change in their communities. Each JCI member shares the belief that

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in order to create lasting positive change, we must improve ourselves and the world around us. JCI members take ownership of their communities by identifying problems

and creating targeted solutions to create impact. For more information about JCI visit [www.jci.cc](http://www.jci.cc) and [www.facebook.com/jciyala](http://www.facebook.com/jciyala).





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## Information for students from Aruba, Curacao, St. Maarten and the Dutch Caribbean for registration in the GBA

ORANJESTAD -- Before a student can study in the Netherlands, a number of things have to be arranged. One of those things is the registration in the Basic Municipal Registry (In Dutch: Gemeentelijke Basisadministratie Persoonsgegevens GBA). If you want to study in the Netherlands, you must register in the municipality in the Netherlands where you will live. In this informative sheet we give some suggestions to make this registration in the Netherlands easier.

### Deregistration PIVA

Before you leave for the Netherlands, you should deregister yourself from the civil registry of the island where you live. Deregistration from the personal information department (in Dutch: persoonsinformatievoorziening PIVA) is a condition to be registered in the GBA. One of the

documents you must submit when you register in the GBA, is a moving notice (proof of deregistration) that will be handed over to you when you deregister. It is important that you indicate when you depart, in which municipality you will live in the Netherlands, and that you register in that municipality when you establish yourself in the Netherlands. If you decide to register in another municipality than the one specified at departure, this will lead to a few weeks of delay in registration in the GBA, whereby the granting of the citizen service number (BSN) will take place later. To obtain student grant it is necessary that you have a BSN.

### Registration GBA

It is advisable to inquire in advance, for example through the website of the municipality, about how the registration in the GBA in the municipality

is organized. Should an appointment be made and what documents should be submitted at registration? Some municipalities have fixed days or separate appointments with civil affairs/public affairs for registration of students from the Dutch

### Caribbean in the GBA.

When registering in the GBA at the municipality you must submit the following documents:

- Passport (for the determination of the identity);
- Moving notice (received from the Department of Civil Registry on the island where you are deregistered);
- Proof of address in the Netherlands (e.g. a copy of the lease or a letter with signature and a copy of the ID card of a family member which proves that you can live there for some time)

• Birth certificate (municipalities would appreciate it if you submit a copy of the birth certificate). Please note, if you were not born on the island from which you will depart, you would do well to apply for a (foreign) birth certificate timely and, if necessary, have it translated and, if necessary, legalize it or mark it with an apostille (legalization) or a stamp.

### Special registration days

Both municipalities and educational institutions organize special registration days where students can register in the GBA. These services may vary among municipalities, but also among educational institutes. So whether you have to go to municipality to register depends on the municipality where you will live and the educational institute where you will be studying.

### Student Days

You may already have arranged the registration at the educational institute. Inquire timely, for example through the website of educational institute, if they offer guidance with the registration in the Netherlands. Special student days are organized where several departments (government agencies) are present, such as civil affairs/public affairs for registration in the GBA.

Points of contact on Aruba, Curaçao and St. Maarten and the Dutch Caribbean On each of the islands there is a contact person in the public administration who can give students information about registration in the GBA and the documents that are required:

- Aruba: Marguerite. Nouel@aruba.gov.aw, Mayra. Orman@aruba.gov.aw
- Curaçao: info.bsbv@gobiernu.an
- St. Maarten: Ms. Kathy Snijders-Correa; burg-erzakensxm@sintmaarten-gov.org
- Bonaire: Mr. Dennis Martinus; dmartinus@bonaire-gov.com
- St. Eustatius: Mr. Ricardo Tjie-A-Loi; census.office@statiagov.com
- Saba: Mrs. Nellie Peterson; nelliepeterson@hotmail.com

### Useful information and links

- Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam; registration GBA: [http://www.eur.nl/english/essc/welcome/upon\\_arrival/city-hall/](http://www.eur.nl/english/essc/welcome/upon_arrival/city-hall/)
- Hogeschool Rotterdam:

AntubaAntuba is a network of students who have an affinity with the Dutch Caribbean and Aruba, Curaçao and St. Maarten. Antuba offers with its activities the necessary support and coaching to students. <http://www2.hogeschoolrotterdam.nl/page.html?id=156525>

• Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam: Passaat  
Passaat is an Antillean and Aruban students union.

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## Kudos and revelations on Earth Day from Rainbow Warriors as they examine "The Faces of Climate Change 2013"

Rainbow Warriors International, founded by Aruban Milton Ponson, is a recognized island organization with international ties, dedicated to environmental protection, freedom of the press, good governance and human rights. It is a part of the Earth Day Network, which has put out a call for individuals and organizations to submit pictures with a description of people, projects and events which have or are helping create solutions for the impacts of climate change as part of this year's collaborative educational and awareness effort "The Face of Climate Change."

Rainbow Warriors, which has proposed and lobbied for various environmental programs for Aruba, has submitted the cover photo from "The Green Gateway: A Knowledge Driven, Entrepreneurial Economy," commissioned and presented by Aruba's Minister of Economic and Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar.

"This is the first, and so far, only, thorough policy document on how to create an entrepreneurial, knowledge driven economy that is sustainable," observes Mr. Ponson. "It actually identifies key obstacles and opportunities for greening the economy of Aruba, while dealing with the economic, social and ecological issues of sustainable development. We chose it because



**Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar**

this document was commissioned by an Aruban female professional, who had the vision to engage local experts in drafting this policy document, while demonstrating a grasp of the UN recommended input of major stakeholders in community participation in decision-making for sustainable development as outlined in Agenda 21 as vital to the success of implementing sustainable development. We salute her!"

In 2012, an agreement was signed at the Rio +20 conference between Aruba's Prime

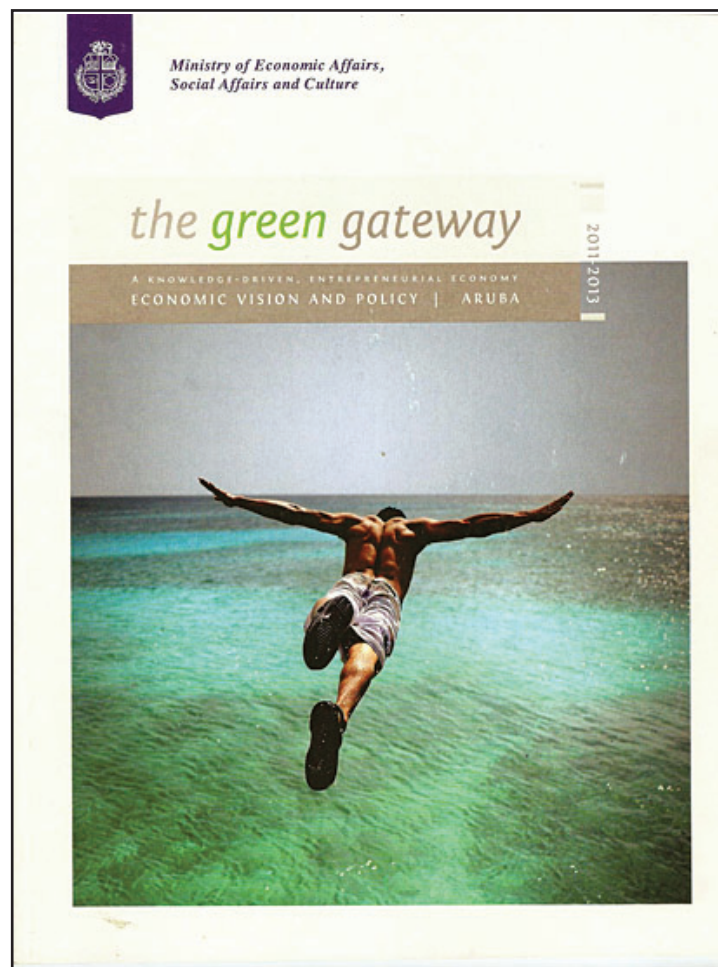
Minister Mike Eman and Richard Branson, representing the Carbon War Room to make Aruba 100% fossil fuel independent by 2020. Carbon War Room CEO, Jose Figueres, former president of Costa Rica, was the keynote speaker at the Aruba Green Energy Conference 2012, where he and Branson re-affirmed the Carbon War Room's commitment to this goal.

At the Rio +20 conference Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Christiana Figueres, in her remarks, challenged Sir Richard Branson to help not one but at least 10 island nations in their transition to renewable energy and announce such plans by the Third UN Conference on Small Island Developing States in 2014. Mr. Branson honored this request and has expanded the agreement with Aruba, and it has evolved into a "10 Island Challenge," with Aruba as its main case study.

The United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in collaboration with the German Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, (GIZ) GmbH are executing a project called Sustainable Energy in the Caribbean: Reducing the Carbon Footprint in the Caribbean through the Promotion of Energy Efficiency and the use of renewable energy technologies. One of the selected countries in this project is Aruba.

ECLAC is working with the Government of Aruba to provide support for the finalization of this long-term national energy policy. This process takes into account the work and positions undertaken by various groups and their recommendations for Aruba's energy sector.

Consultations were held with key stakeholders during February 2013 as means of obtaining expert advice and opinion into the development of the national energy policy. Consultations were held with:



- Utilities Aruba N.V.
- N.V. ELMAR
- CBOT/ TNO
- Prime Minister of Aruba
- Minister of Finance, Communication, Utility & Energy
- Minister of Economic Affairs
- Aruba Trade & Industry Association
- Aruba Timeshare Association
- Aruba Chamber of Commerce And Industry
- Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association
- WEB Aruba N.V.
- Rainbow Warriors

On April 17, 2013, a meeting was held to discuss the draft report with the consulted stakeholders, who will be submitting their final comments and recommendations on April 25 for inclusion in the document to be presented to the Government of Aruba. During this April 17 meeting Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar, assisted Mrs. Charmaine Gomes of ECLAC in highlighting the key ingredients of the pro-

posed policy document to be produced.

Rainbow Warriors further pointed out "The UN and Agenda 21 stress gender equality. We cannot but be relieved and at the same time inspired that at the UN level, regional level and national level, we have three ladies to inspire and guide us towards achieving the very ambitious goals Prime Minister Mike Eman has set for the island of Aruba."

It is for this reason that Rainbow Warriors Core Foundation submitted the cover of the Green Gateway policy document commissioned by Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar as the face of climate change for Aruba with the description "Aruba, chosen by Richard Branson and the Carbon War Room to lead the "10-Island Challenge", which aims to make 10 island nations fossil fuel independent by 2020, aims to become the Green Gateway in the Caribbean and set the benchmarks for small island developing states and an example for the world".



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## S.Africa's Tutu in hospital for 'persistent infection'

CAPE TOWN (AFP) - Peace icon Desmond Tutu checked into a South African hospital yesterday for tests related to an ongoing infection, his foundation said.

"Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu has checked into a Cape Town hospital for the treatment of a persistent infection and to undergo tests to discover the underlying cause," the foundation said in a statement.

The treatment did not include any surgery, it said.

A photograph of the 81-year-old Nobel Laureate showed him smiling at his office where he spent the morning, before being admitted to the undisclosed hospital.

"He was in good spirits and full of praise for the care he receives from an exceptional team of doctors," said the statement from the Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation. "The non-surgical treatment is expected to take five days."

Known fondly as "the Arch", Tutu told AFP in an earlier interview that most of his life had "been a bonus".

He survived an illness believed to be polio as a baby, battled tuberculosis as a teenager and prostate cancer, which he was diagnosed with in 1997.

Nearly 10 years later, he said the cancer had returned after having gone into remission but was non-aggressive.

In December 2011, he underwent minor elective surgery in Cape Town for an undisclosed complaint.

His recent public appearances have shown little hint of ill-health.

## Information for students from Aruba, Curacao, St. Maarten

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One of the objectives is to represent interests of the Antillean and Aruban students, studying at Erasmus University Rotterdam and other higher education institutions in the Netherlands. [http://www.pas-saat.com/pas-saat/default.asp?active\\_page\\_id=1](http://www.pas-saat.com/pas-saat/default.asp?active_page_id=1)

• Hogeschool van Amsterdam: Hvanti

Hvanti is the student mentoring for students from the Dutch Caribbean and Aruba, Curaçao and St. Maarten who study at Hogeschool van Ams-

terdam (HvA). Hvanti's mission is to guide

future and existing Antillean and Aruban students during their

study career at HvA. [www.hva.nl/hvanti](http://www.hva.nl/hvanti); Email: [hvanti@hva.nl](mailto:hvanti@hva.nl) Facebook: hvanti studentenmentoraat

• Rijksuniversiteit Groningen; GBA registration:

<http://www.rug.nl/prospectiveStudents/information/registrationTownHall>

• Rijksdienst Caribisch Nederland

Information regarding, among others, start-up allowance. The start-up allowance is intended to pay the crossing, equipment (everything necessary for the trip and stay in the Netherlands), furnishings, bridging and guidance in the Netherlands. The start-up allowance consists of a performance grant and a loan. <http://www.rijksdienstcn.com/>

• St. Maarten Students Support Services (S4);

S4 supports and guides stu-

dents from St. Maarten who study in the Netherlands with a grant of the country St. Maarten. S4 also provides guidance and support to students from the Dutch Caribbean eligible for the start-up allowance of the RCN-Studiefinanciering and who have specifically requested guidance and/or accommodation services. <http://www.s4foundation.nl/nl/page/1-Home>, E-mail: [studentaffairs@s4foundation.nl](mailto:studentaffairs@s4foundation.nl)

• Dienst Uitvoering

Onderwijs (DUO): Information for students

from the Dutch Caribbean, see the flyer on this site with useful information:

and [http://www.ibgroep.nl/particulieren/studiefinanciering/sf/ho/aanvragen/studenten\\_aruba\\_curacao\\_st\\_maarten\\_en\\_CN.asp](http://www.ibgroep.nl/particulieren/studiefinanciering/sf/ho/aanvragen/studenten_aruba_curacao_st_maarten_en_CN.asp)

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"What we've said to the girls is: 'If you guys ever decide that you're going to get a tattoo, then mommy and me will get the exact same tattoo, in the same place. And we'll go on YouTube and show it off as a family tattoo. Our thinking is that it might dissuade them from thinking that somehow that's a good way to rebel.'"

### Colombia rebels make new demands at peace talks

HAVANA (AFP) - The FARC rebel delegation at Colombian peace talks called yesterday for ending what it labeled Bogota's neoliberal economic policy as the insurgents made new demands.

The leftist guerrillas waging Latin America's longest-running insurgency also proposed tax reform, the drafting of a new constitution and guarantees for farmers and other rural people to be involved in shaping policy.

The demands appeared aimed at addressing the social and economic roots of the decades-old conflict, which began in the 1960s as a peasant revolt against wealthy landowners.

There was no immediate comment from the government side at the talks, which began in Cuba in November. The new proposals were read out by the head of the guerrilla delega-

tion, Ivan Marquez.

Government negotiator Humberto de la Calle said Tuesday -- as the talks resumed after a month's recess -- that economic policy was not up for discussion.

"We are clear about our respect for foreign investment and private property," he said.

Until now the discussions have been centering on the issue of land reform, although the rebels have suggested some 100 other measures over the course of the peace talks.

Land distribution, or the lack of it, was one of the main causes of the conflict in Colombia, where there is a huge gap between wealthy landowners and impoverished peasants.

The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) is the country's largest leftist guerrilla group and has been at war with Bogota since 1964.



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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### US welcomes Venezuela's appointment of envoy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States voiced hope yesterday for a "productive" relationship with Venezuela as it welcomed the appointment of a new envoy to Washington by the successor of leftist leader Hugo Chavez.

President Nicolas Maduro on Tuesday named ruling lawmaker Calixto Ortega as the charge d'affaires at the embassy in Washington after the United States clarified that it was not seeking sanctions over Venezuela's disputed election.

State Department spokesman Patrick Ventrell said Ortega was "known and respected" for work in a group seeking to improve relations between the United States and Venezuela, which have not exchanged full ambassadors since 2010.

"With all bilateral diplomatic relationships, it's important to establish effective channels of communication between governments so we can discuss matters of mutual concern," Ventrell told reporters.

The appointment of Ortega "could be a step in that direction," he said.

"We believe it is important and timely to establish a productive relationship based on mutual interests such as counternarcotics, counterterrorism, the energy relationship," he said.

However, Ventrell repeated US support for a recount of votes in the bitterly fought April 14 election "to ensure that the Venezuelan people feel that their democratic aspirations are being met."

### Landslide kills 14 in Ecuador



QUITO (AFP) - A landslide swept into a village in northern Ecuador, burying homes and killing at least 14 people, authorities said yesterday. "There were 14 people killed in a landslide in Tabete" civil defense reported on Twitter, of the town near the Colombian border. After days of heavy rain, the landslide buried homes in tons of earth and debris in the town located in Esmeraldas province, said Mayor Ernesto Estupinan of nearby Esmeraldas city. The six bodies, unidentified yet, were recovered from the landslide by rescue units yesterday. Mayor Ernesto Estupina, who had earlier reported 13 buried victims, said the search continued for the rest of the victims, despite difficulties accessing the site of the tragedy. He said the landslide covered an area of 300 square meters, and ranged from 4 to 20 meters in height.



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## International News

### Obama meets with Qatar emir to discuss Syria crisis

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama met with Qatari emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani at the White House Tuesday amid a flurry of meetings with regional leaders on Syria's increasingly bloody stalemate.

"Obviously we've been co-operating closely with Qatar and other countries in seeking to bring about an end to the slaughter that's taking place there (and) the removal of president (Bashar al-Assad)," Obama told reporters.

Obama said they also hope to "strengthen an opposition that can bring about a democratic Syria that represents all people and respects their rights regardless of their ethnicity or their religious affiliation."

"We're going to be contin-

uing to work in the coming months to try to further support the Syrian opposition, and we'll be closely coordinating our strategies to bring about a more peaceful resolution to the Syrian crisis," Obama added.

The sheikh in turn said through a translator that his country hoped "to find a solution for the bloodshed in Syria, for this current government to leave power, to give room to others to take over."

"We hope that any party that succeeds... will be supportive of democracy," he added.

Natural gas-rich Qatar has been a strong supporter of Syrian rebels hoping to overthrow the Assad regime.

Earlier, the head of research and analysis in the Israeli army's military intelligence division said Assad had resorted to using chemical weapons, likely sarin, against rebel fighters.

The United States has not yet concluded that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's regime has used chemical weapons against rebel forces, but backs a probe into the matter, the White House said Tuesday.

Obama has said that Syria's use of chemical weapons, or any attempt to transfer them to militant groups, would be a "red line," hinting that it could prompt a US military intervention in the two-year-old uprising.

Obama will meet Friday with Jordan's King Abdullah II, part of a string of meetings with regional leaders in recent days.

### Bolivia sues Chile for access to Pacific

LA PAZ (AFP) - Landlocked Bolivia sued neighboring Chile Wednesday in the Hague as it pressed a longstanding claim to recover land lost in a 19th century war and thus regain access to the sea.

Chile quickly responded that the issue was not negotiable.

Bolivian Foreign Minister David Choquehuanca filed papers at the International Court of Justice, saying the suit "assumes the historical mandate of the Bolivian people" to revert to being a maritime nation.

Bolivia has been preparing its legal, historical and economic arguments for the lawsuit for more than two years.

In a war fought with Chile in 1879, Bolivia lost nearly 400 kilometers (250 miles) of coastline and 120,000 square kilometers (46,300 square miles) of land.

For years Bolivia has been pressing Chile to grant it a useful and sovereign outlet to the sea.

Chile, Bolivia's neighbor to the southeast, has refused. It says a peace and friendship treaty signed by the two countries in 1904 established their common borders.

Choquehuanca, speaking from the Hague, said the suit demands that Chile negotiate in good faith with Bolivia "a swift and effective agreement that grants it fully sovereign access to the Pacific Ocean."

Chilean Interior Minister Andres Chadwick later told reporters that "if they want to talk about Chile's maritime



sovereignty, no. No dialogue is possible."

Bolivia says the 1904 agreement is not valid because it was signed under pressure from Chile.

The two countries have tried for years but failed to reach agreement on their territorial dispute.

In 2006 President Evo Morales opened up a channel of direct dialogue with his then Chilean counterpart Michelle Bachelet, but it led nowhere.

### 125 killed in bloody two days for Iraq

BAGHDAD (AFP) - Two days of violence in Iraq have killed 125 people, 99 of them in clashes and attacks involving security forces, protesters and their supporters, officials said on Wednesday.

At least 268 people have been wounded, 194 of them in protest-related unrest, which prompted two Sunni ministers to quit and has sent tensions in the country soaring.

The violence, which began with clashes at a protest site in northern Iraq after security forces moved in, is the deadliest so far linked to demonstrations that erupted in Sunni Muslim areas of the Shiite-majority country more than four months ago.

The protesters have called for the resignation of Shiite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki and railed against the alleged

targeting of their community by the authorities.

In other violence that officers said was also apparently in revenge for Tuesday's clashes, gunmen attacked a Sahwa anti-Al-Qaeda militia checkpoint in Khales northeast of Baghdad. They killed four militiamen and wounded a fifth, a police lieutenant colonel and a doctor said.

Gunmen also wounded a policeman in the northern city of Mosul, while a soldier was hurt in another shooting to its south, police and a doctor said. Three gunmen were also killed in the Mosul attack.

Apparently unrelated violence, including a car bomb in Baghdad and attacks in three other areas, killed at least 11 people and wounded 33, officials said.

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## Health & Living

### 20 million Sahel Africans facing food crisis: IFRC



NOUAKCHOTT (AFP) - Twenty million people in the north African Sahel region are experiencing "serious" food shortages, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) said Wednesday.

IFRC president Tadateru Konoe told delegates from the "Sahel-Plus" group of societies across the band of nations bordering the southern Sahara desert that weak infrastructure and health systems were putting people at further risk.

"Some 20 million people across the Sahel still face serious shortages," he said at a meeting in Mauritanian capital Nouakchott of the group, which comprises Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Chad.

Konoe said the crisis had

engulfed 4.3 million Malians, including refugees and those displaced internally who "need food assistance because of the prolonged conflict".

Al Qaeda-linked Islamic militants controlled the key cities of northern Mali for nearly 10 months until being driven out by the French-led Operation Serval in January.

The operation has forced the extremists from the cities they seized in the chaotic aftermath of a military coup that overthrew Mali's government in March last year.

But French and African forces have faced continuing suicide blasts and guerrilla attacks in reclaimed territory.

Konoe said the risk of epidemics had increased across the region because of "poor water quality and sanitation, malnutrition and a lack of hygiene".

### H7N9 'one of most lethal' influenza viruses: experts

BEIJING (AFP) - International experts probing China's deadly H7N9 bird flu virus said Wednesday it was "one of the most lethal influenza viruses" seen so far and concluded that the likely source of infection was poultry.

China had confirmed 108 cases and 22 deaths since the first the infections were announced on March 31, with a higher proportion of cases in older people.

The team said the likely source of infection was poultry, as chickens, ducks and pigeons from poultry markets had tested positive for H7N9, but nevertheless warned over the potential for human-to-human transmission.

"So far no migratory birds or their habitats have tested positive for H7N9," said team member Nancy Cox, director of the influenza division at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Experts have previously said the animal reservoir for H7N9 appeared to be unspecified birds.

There are worries over the prospect of such a virus mutating into a form easily transmissible between humans, which could then have the potential to trigger a pandemic.

But a statement released by the team, which includes Chinese experts, repeated that no human-to-human transmission has been discovered.

A WHO official said last week that over 50 percent of those with the virus had remembered coming into contact with birds, raising questions over how the remaining cases became infected with H7N9.

Chinese health officials have acknowledged so-called "family clusters", where members of a single family have become infected, but have so far declined to put it down to human-to-human transmission.

Such cases could be examples of what health officials call limited human-to-human transmission, in which those in close contact with the ill become infected, as opposed to widespread, or "sustained", transmission.



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## Sci-Tech

### DNA breakthrough spelt double trouble for Nobels

PARIS (AFP) - The discovery of the DNA double helix 60 years ago proved to be a headache for the Nobel organisation as the feat became nominated for prizes in different categories at the same time, Nature reported on Wednesday.

Francis Crick and Maurice Wilkins of Britain and James Watson of the United States shared the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1962, nine years after revealing that the code for life has a spiral-staircase structure joined by chemical rungs.

But two researchers who delved into the award process were stunned to find that the trio were simultaneously nominated for the Nobel Prize for Chemistry that same year.

"The fact that the double helix was the subject of nominations for both prizes must have presented a dilemma for the two [award] committees," Alexander Gann and Jan Witkowski of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York report in a letter to the journal.

The evidence comes from a letter that French geneticist Jacques Monod wrote to the Nobel Committee for Chemistry, nominating the trio for the chemistry award. Gann and Witkowski found the letter in the archives of the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

In the event, the 1962 chemistry Nobel went to Max Perutz and John Kendrew for work on haemoglobin and myoglobin.

The only person to have won the Nobel in different categories of science is Marie Curie, who in 1903 shared the physics award with her husband Pierre and Henri Becquerel, and in 1911 was the sole winner of the chemistry prize.

Separately, Gann and Witkowski say that Crick

wrote a nine-page letter to Monod on December 31 1961 to describe his joint quest with Watson to identify DNA.

In his letter, Crick "acknowledges the importance" of X-ray imaging by Rosalind Franklin in determining "certain features" of DNA's structure, the pair say.

Franklin has become a cause celebre among some feminists, who say Crick, Watson and Wilkins snubbed her and never acknowledged her vital contribution.

Franklin has even been dubbed "the Sylvia Plath of molecular biology," a reference to the then-overlooked American writer who took her own life in 1963 during a stormy marriage to fellow British poet Ted Hughes.

Franklin in any case could not be considered for a Nobel in either category, as she died in 1958 and the prize is never awarded posthumously.

Watson and Crick, theoreticians at the legendary Cavendish Laboratory at the University of Cambridge, published their landmark paper in Nature on April 25 1953.

In it, they acknowledged that their thinking had been "stimulated" by X-ray diffraction images provided by the laboratory at King's College London that was headed by Wilkins and where Franklin worked.

The wrangle over how to honour research in DNA half a century ago has amplified since then.

Genetics reaches into dozens of areas, from anthropology and psychiatry to crime detection and agriculture, not just medicine.

As a result, the Nobel science awards are often criticised today for being locked into 19th-century categories that fail to give a slot to the newer discipline of life sciences.

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## Dutch court orders chemical trader to pay Saddam gas victims

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A Dutch businessman who sold Iraq's former regime chemicals that were used in deadly gas attacks against Kurds in Iraq and in Iran was ordered on Wednesday to pay 400,000 euros (\$520,000) in compensation to some of the victims.

The court ruled that Frans van Anraat must pay 25,000 euros plus interest to each of the 16 plaintiffs in the case. A seventeenth suit was rejected because of a statute of limitations.

Van Anraat is currently serving a 17-year prison sentence on charges of complicity to war crimes in relation to the chemicals he sold to Saddam Hussein's regime between 1985 and 1989.

A Dutch court previously ruled that Van Anraat supplied the ingredients that enabled Ali-Hassan al-Majid, also known as "Chemical Ali", a

senior member of the regime, to launch deadly mustard gas attacks during the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war.

Later they were also used on Iraq's own Kurdish population, most infamously in the massacre of 5,000 Kurds in 1988 at Halabja, northwest Iraq.

The plaintiffs in the civil case sought compensation "for the damage they suffered as a consequence of the bombings with mustard gas on cities in Iraq and Iran in the 1980s, executed by the Saddam Hussein regime," court documents said.

Van Anraat's lawyer said however that his client was "unable to pay." "He has no money,"

Former chemicals trader Van Anraat was first arrested in Italy in 1989 on a United States warrant.

He later fled to Iraq where

he lived for 14 years under an assumed name.

He remained in Iraq until US-led forces invaded the country in 2003, when he returned to the Netherlands, Dutch officials said. He was arrested there in December 2004 and has been in custody ever since.

Van Anraat previously claimed in his defence he did not know his business activities were illegal. Judges slapped down his argument saying he knew what he was doing when he supplied the Saddam regime with thiodiglycol, a key component in mustard gas.

"Chemical Ali" Majid, a key member in the regime and cousin to the dictator, was convicted in Iraq for his crimes and executed in January 2010.

Saddam himself was hanged in December 2006.



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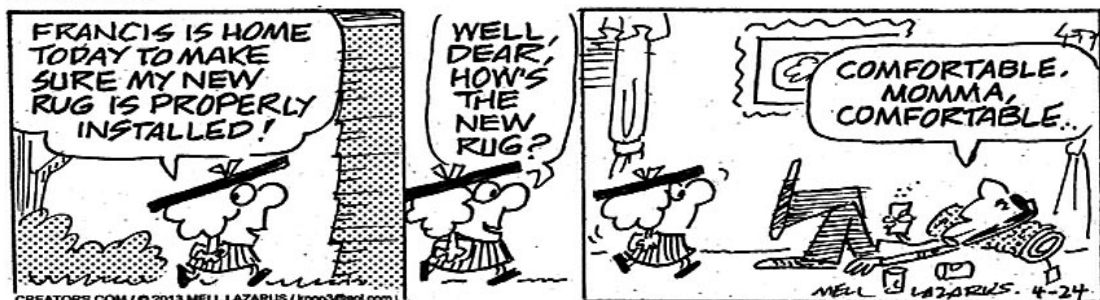


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12. Possessive pronoun
13. On a yacht
14. Leftovers dish
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16. Buy groceries
17. "\_\_\_\_ Wanna Do" (2 wds.)
18. Clothes bureau
20. Paris's \_\_\_\_ Tower

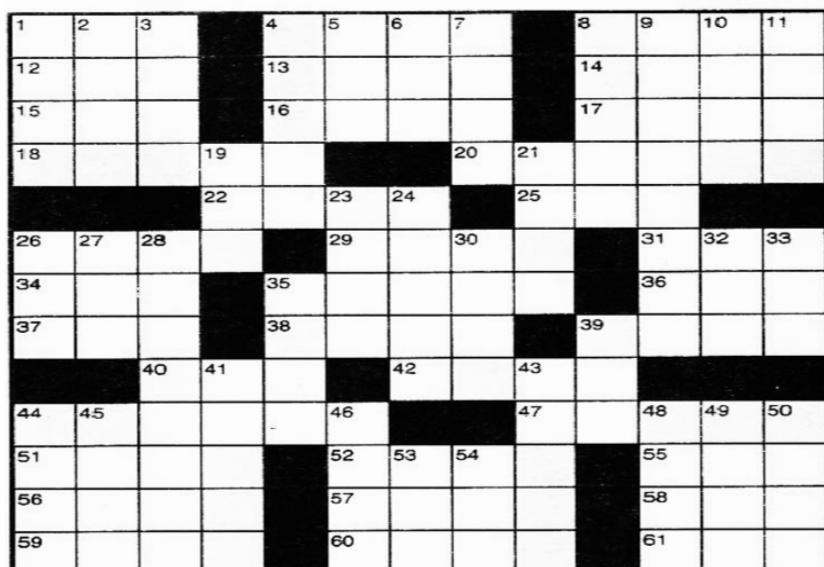
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26. Floating ice mass
29. "The Gift of the \_\_\_\_"
31. Wall climber
34. Stimpy's cartoon pal
35. Golden-touch monarch
36. Actress West
37. Hitherto
38. Actor Neeson
39. Slippery creatures
40. Suffer
42. Irish Breakfast and Earl Grey
44. Weasel's cousin

47. Intersects
51. Frenzy
52. Killer whale
55. Make lace
56. Kitchen hot spot
57. Leaves
58. Chopping instrument
59. Portion (out)
60. Leather punches
61. Used a match

## DOWN

1. Bartlett's kin
2. Porcupine-toucher's shout
3. Soft French cheese
4. Italian restaurant

5. Cigar residue
6. Recent (prefix)
7. Yawn
8. Rub against
9. NFL divider
10. Capri, e.g.
11. Singer Collins
19. That woman
21. Egyptian goddess
23. 2002, to Brutus
24. Angry with (2 wds.)
26. Cook chicken
27. Grant's opponent
28. Precisely correct (2 wds.)
30. Checkers, e.g.
32. Kilmer of "The Doors"
33. "Surely!"
35. French girl (abbr.)
39. Opp. of WNW
41. Singer Cara
43. Pile up
44. Starting at
45. Gutter locale
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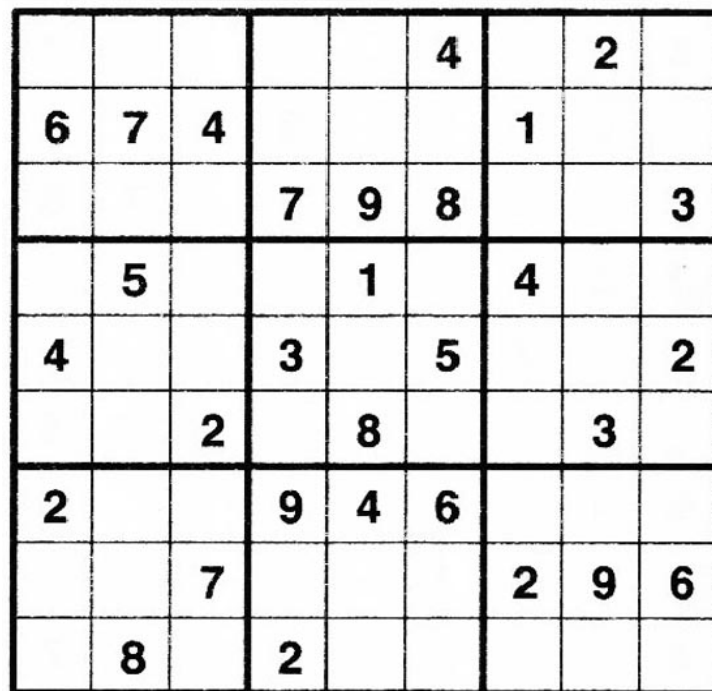
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## Finance

### Crunch EU budget meeting pencilled in for May 6

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Permanent EU heads Herman Van Rompuy, Jose Manuel Barroso and Martin Schulz will meet in early May seeking to break a deadlock on the European Union's budget for the rest of the decade, a key negotiator told AFP yesterday.

The chairman for the Council of EU heads of state and government, Van Rompuy, will sit down with Barroso, the head of the bloc's executive -- a civil service of tens of thousands of mainly Brussels-based staff -- and European Parliament speaker Schulz, said parliamentary budget committee chair Alain Lamassouere of France.

Under pressure led by British Prime Minister David Cameron -- fighting a rising eurosceptic electoral threat in England -- leaders decided earlier this year that the EU's

budget would require a real-terms cut for the first time in the bloc's six-decade existence.

This was to ensure spending controlled from Brussels -- almost a trillion euros worth over the EU's upcoming seven-year budgetary cycle -- would be clipped in line with painful national austerity demanded by EU managers during the debt crisis of the last few years.

But the negotiations -- albeit over sums fractional to major member states' national spending commitments -- have proved harder than ever, especially with the EU Parliament holding new powers since the EU's last major treaty revision.

Until a final deal is agreed and signed off by the parliament, big-ticket decisions on investment seen as best-placed to unlock economic growth and job creation will be difficult

### Oil prices surge on drop in US gas stocks

NEW YORK (AFP) - New York oil prices gained more than \$2 following an unexpected drop in US gasoline inventories and speculation the European Central Bank will soon cut interest rates.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate for June delivery gained \$2.25 on the New York Mercantile Exchange to settle at \$91.43 a barrel, the highest level since April 11.

In London, Brent crude for June delivery rose \$1.42 to \$101.73 a barrel.

The US market reacted strongly to "the big drop in gasoline inventory which was a bit of a surprise," said Michael Lynch of Strategic Energy and Economic Research.

Stocks of gasoline fell 3.9 million barrels, almost 10 times more than expected by analysts surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires.

"Probably that is temporary," Lynch said of the gasoline inventories.

"There have been a number of refinery problems on the Gulf Coast, that explains the bulk of it. We will probably see it go back next week though."

US refinery utilization fell to 83.5 percent compared with 86.3 percent in the prior week.


The week's gain in crude inventories, which at 900,000 barrels was less than analysts had projected, 1.2 million barrels, further underpinned the price surge.

### New US \$100 bill to enter circulation in October

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States will put a redesigned \$100 bill, including an array of cutting-edge security features, in circulation in October, the Federal Reserve said yesterday.

The new \$100 bill was supposed to have entered circulation in February 2011. But the release was delayed by production problems, notably creasing of the paper during printing.

The Fed said the redesigned bill will begin circulating on October 8.



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### More than 1,000 flights delayed as US cuts bite

WASHINGTON (AFP) - More than 1,000 US flights were delayed Tuesday because of air traffic control staff furloughs imposed as part of the so-called sequester budget cuts, officials said yesterday.

The exact figure is 1,025, and another 975 were held up by bad weather or other factors, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

By comparison, on the worst day for air travelers in 2012 around 3,000 flights were delayed.

The FAA said travelers using major airports like Chicago, Las Vegas and Tampa would suffer the most delays.

As of midday yesterday no delays were reported at the three major New York airports. But at Los Angeles arriving flights were 45 minutes late on average.

Because of the sequester -- automatic spending cuts that went into effect on March 1 because US lawmakers failed to strike a budget deal -- as of last Sunday the FAA is forcing staff to take two unpaid days off per month.

The agency, which employs 47,000 people, is trying to achieve savings equal to five percent of its budget by September.

The mandatory austerity is affecting all public services in the United States, with air traffic controllers working 10 percent fewer hours.

The lighter staffing has forced control towers to spread out landings and take-offs for security reasons.

"It will have no effect on safety," said Michael Huerta, the head of the FAA, at yesterday's congressional hearing.

Republicans and Democrats have each blamed the other for the sequester, which stems from a law passed in 2011 that was intended to impose such painful cuts that feuding lawmakers would have to come together behind a better deal.

"How come didn't you tell us?" Representative Harold Rogers, the Republican chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, asked Huerta.

Huerta responded by saying that "since February, we have publicly described the possible effect of the sequester."



**HAYWARD** - AFP photo shows job seekers lining up to meet with a recruiter for the Fremont Unified School District during a job fair at the Alameda County Office of Education on April 24, 2013 in Hayward, California. Over 100 job seekers attended the annual education job fair hosted by the Alameda County Office of Education where 200 jobs were available ranging from teachers to IT professionals. Attendees were able to get their resumes reviewed, as well as receive interview tips from human resources experts and attend workshops on professional development.

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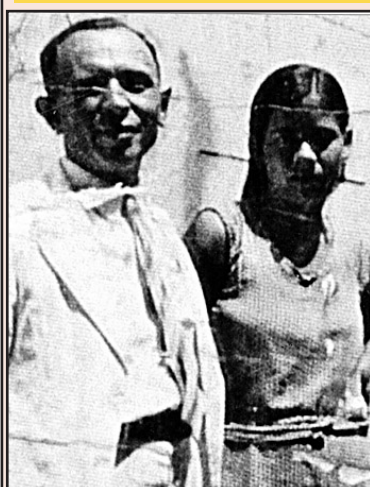
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To this day, La Linda is particularly known for its huge fabrics and notions department, the first destination for many on an island where making your own clothes is still an everyday practice. Without question, the store offers the greatest diversity of selection in nearly every department, and they have now consolidated them all into one store; four floors containing a wealth of choices in clothing for men, women and children, house wares, bedding, sporting goods, luggage, shoes,



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jewelry, decorative items and more.

"The present store is a work in progress," asserts Jaime, as they continue to renovate and enlarge what had been only the men's store and warehouse in the past. Normally closed for a 2 hour lunch/siesta in the old island way, shoppers will soon find it open daily for the entire day, from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM, as they are on Saturday's, with a bright, charming eatery installed on the top floor.

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their acquisitions department continually seeking out interesting, unique, and moderately priced goods from all over the

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## Jury chosen in Jackson family trial against AEG



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Jury selection finished Tuesday for a trial in which Michael Jackson's family is suing tour promoter AEG Live, arguing it is responsible for the singer's death since it hired his doctor.

With the 12 jurors -- six men and six women -- and their alternates picked, opening arguments are expected to start Monday, officials said.

Superior Court Judge Yvette Palazuelos will preside over the proceedings expected to last at least three months.

On Monday, the jailed Murray filed an appeal against his conviction for involuntary manslaughter over the US star's death.

Murray said prosecutors failed to prove the self-styled King of Pop was on a propofol drip the day he died from an overdose of the powerful sedative, which he was using to treat chronic insomnia.

He broke his silence earlier this month to say he does not want to testify at the trial to avoid incriminating himself for his own appeal.

Murray has always protested his innocence, saying he was trying to get Jackson off propofol as he rehearsed in Los Angeles for the doomed "This is It" comeback series of concerts in London.

## Fatwa-free Rushdie says 'Midnight' film closes circle

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Three decades after "Midnight's Children" catapulted Salman Rushdie to literary glory, a film of the novel feels like "closing the circle" after his dark years in hiding, he says.

But while fatwa-free life is now "pretty good," he admitted there are occasional "slip-pages" -- including during a trip last year to India, the land of his birth, while promoting the movie.

In an interview timed with its US release, he discussed hopes for more film adaptations, Quentin Tarantino's unlikely influence on "Midnight's Children" -- and his feelings about Margaret Thatcher as a mother-figure.

The movie tells the story of two boys born on the stroke of midnight, August 15, 1947, at the precise moment India gained independence from its British colonial masters, but then switched shortly after birth.

The 1981 novel won the coveted Booker Prize and launched the Anglo-Indian writer's career -- but seven years later the glamorous liter-



ary life came to an abrupt stop when Iran slapped a death sentence on him for "The Satanic Verses."

Rushdie recounted his years in hiding in last year's autobiographical "Joseph Anton" -- the pseudonym he chose to keep would-be assassins off his trail -- which he hopes will be the next book to be adapted for the big screen.

But he was in Los Angeles this month to talk about "Midnight's Children," which came out in several countries including India last year, ahead of its release in the United States from Friday, April 26.

The idea of adapting the novel came "completely spontaneously" from Indian direc-

tor Deepa Mehta, said Rushdie, who wrote the screenplay and narrates the movie.

At one point he thought of acting in it. "But when we came to actually make the film, I thought, you know, it's distracting, it's kind of stunt casting," said Rushdie, who had a cameo part as himself in 2001's "Bridget Jones' Diary."

The finished work manages to weave the novel's allegorical complexity and strands of magic realism into a coherent and visually spectacular two-and-a-half-hour long movie.

One of the most important places for him to take the movie was his native India, and above all Mumbai, or Bombay, the city of his birth.

But the trip to India -- where "The Satanic Verses" remains banned for allegedly insulting Islam -- was not without incident.

He was forced to cancel a trip to the eastern city of Kolkata. "Obviously it's very annoying," he said. "The chief minister of Bengal decided in her wisdom to prevent me from coming. It's horrible actually."



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playing around with his "cocktail of the day" while she sees to it that everyone is well satis-

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High end items on the menu, such as the Seafood Pasta, are only \$20.50. They also have a kid's menu with favorites such as a Kid's Burger, chicken fingers and Mac & Cheese; most items are only \$4. One regular described the place as particularly "kid-friendly," with Elina, a mother herself, having devised a number of methods to keep young ones entertained. The menu has a range to please patrons

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## Blue diamond sets record at London sale

LONDON (AFP) - An extremely rare blue diamond sold for £6.2 million (\$9.5 million 7.3 million euros) at a London auction on Wednesday, setting a new world record for price per carat.

The fancy deep-blue diamond weighing 5.30 carats sold at Bonhams Fine Jewellery sale in central London for a record \$1.8 million per carat, beating the previous record of \$1.68 million.

The gem, which was bought by international diamond house Graff Diamonds, attracted bids from within the auction room and around the world via 25 telephone lines and smashed pre-auction estimates of £1.5 million.

The diamond is set in a 'Trombino' ring made by Italian jeweller Bulgari around 1965.

"It was a sensational stone which charmed everyone who viewed it prior to the sale. Blue diamonds, especially those over 5.00 carats, are extremely rare to see on the market and continue to be highly sought-after. We are honoured to have handled the sale of such a



unique gem." said Jean Ghika, Director of Bonhams Jewellery.

Blue diamonds seldom hit the market and have been coveted by royals and celebrities for centuries.

The most famous example is the 'Hope Diamond', which was bought by King Louis XIV of France in the 17th Century.

The 45.52-carat gem was stolen from the Crown Jewels by thieves during the French Revolution and is now on show at the Smithsonian Natural History Museum in Washington, D.C..

The diamond is set within a mount pave-set with brilliant-cut diamonds and courses of baguette-cut diamonds.

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Real in CL semi-final first leg**

DORTMUND, Germany, (AFP) - Poland striker Robert Lewandowski netted all four goals as Borussia Dortmund claimed a 4-1 win over Real Madrid in Wednesday's Champions League semi-final, first-leg to boost the chances of an all-German final at Wembley on May 25.

After Bayern Munich routed Barcelona 4-0 on Tuesday night in the first semi-final, Dortmund followed the Bundesliga champions' example 24 hours later by flooring Jose Mourinho's Real.

Just as Lionel Messi had failed to shine for a subdued Barcelona at Bayern on his return from a hamstring injury, so

Real star Cristiano Ronaldo was fairly anonymous after scoring at Dortmund as Real produced a below-par display.

Dortmund claimed their sixth straight European win at home this season and their second over Real in emphatic style at Signal Iduna Park having run out 2-1 victors in October's group stage win over Madrid.

All Dortmund's pre-match focus had been on 20-year-old midfielder star Mario Goetze after Tuesday's announcement he will join Bayern Munich next season after actioning a release clause in his contract.

But the night belonged to Lewandowski who stole the limelight with the opening goal, then added a second-half hat-trick to put Dortmund on the verge of their second Champions League final having won the 1997 title.

The anticipated hostile reaction from the home fans towards Goetze never materialised and the 20-year-old helped gift the hosts the perfect start.

His floated cross from the left wing found Lewandowski unmarked at the back post to stab the ball home with just eight minutes on the clock.

The goal spurred Real into

life and Ronaldo forced Dortmund goalkeeper Roman Weidenfeller into a diving save on 24 minutes.

Referee Bjoern Kuipers won himself few fans in the Dortmund faithful when he refused Dortmund's penalty appeal when Marco Reus was brought down in the area by Raphael Varane, moments before Real equalised.

Real drew level two minutes before the break when Dortmund defender Mats Hummels' back pass was snatched by Gonzalo Higuain, who drew Weidenfeller and squared for Ronaldo to tap in his 11th goal in 10 European games.

The hosts turned up the pace in the second half and Lewandowski grabbed his second with clinical finishing on the turn to slot home Reus' pass and beat Lopez on 50 minutes.

He netted his third five minutes later when he latched onto Marcel Schmelzer's cross, then beat centre-back Pepe before drilling his shot home.

With Dortmund fans in delirium, he claimed his fourth of the night when Reus was fouled in the area by Xabi Alonso, after Goetze's through-ball, and there was only one candidate when Kuipers pointed to the penalty spot on 66 minutes.

Mourinho tried to breathe some life into his Real side with two changes as Karim Benzema came on for striker Higuain and Angel Di Maria took over for Luka Modric in the central midfield position.

But only Lopez's excellent diving save denied Lewandowski his fifth moments later. Ronaldo's away goal now gives Real a slim lifeline for Tuesday's return leg at the Estadio Santiago Bernabeu.

**Cycling: Blood doping  
trial verdict next week**

MADRID, April 24, 2013 (AFP) - The verdict from the Operation Puerto trial, in which a medical doctor is accused of endangering public health by performing blood transfusions on a number of high-profile cyclists, will be delivered next week, a court spokesman said on Wednesday.

"The verdict will be made public early afternoon on Tuesday April 30," the spokesman from the court in Madrid told AFP.

Doctor Eufemiano Fuentes was on trial in the case with his sister and fellow doctor Yolanda as well as Manolo Saiz, Vicente Belda and Ignacio Labarta, who all held various positions in the Liberty

Seguros and Kelme cycling teams.

Judge Julia Patricia Santamaria retired to consider her verdict on April 1 after hearing evidence for over two months on the way in which Fuentes extracted blood from his clients, stored it and in some cases transfused it back into their systems.

All five face a maximum sentence of two and half years in jail if they are found guilty.

The case was being keenly watched amid claims that the blood doping racket extended beyond cycling to other sports.

None of the defendants was charged with incitement to doping, which was not a crime in Spain at the time of their arrests in 2006.

**Golf: Park, Lewis fight  
for LPGA top ranking in  
Texas**

RVING (AFP) - World number one Park Inbee of South Korea and second-ranked American Stacy Lewis will fight for the top spot again this week at the inaugural Texas LPGA Shootout that starts today.

The \$1.3 million event is the first LPGA stop in the "Lone Star" state in more than 20 years and features 144 players with a cut to the top 70 and ties after 36 holes and a second cut to the low 50 and ties after 54 holes.

Lewis has won two titles this season and became the first US player to claim the top ranking, holding the spot for four weeks until Park took over one week after her major victory at the Kraft Nabisco Championship earlier this month.

Park won her first major title at the 2008 US Open and also won last year's LPGA Championship, a crown she is set to defend in June. In the past 10 months she has won four times

and finished in the top 10 on another 11 occasions worldwide.

Having the top spot up for grabs should build greater interest in the LPGA Tour, Park said.

Lewis, who is playing in her home state, needs to finish fifth or better to have a chance at dethroning Park this week.

Lewis is the American point woman against a host of top Asian talent but is more concerned about her game than her rivals' skills or homelands.

For Lewis, the secret to being number one is putting.

"I played Inbee Park so many times and she might be the best putter on tour. I don't know how she makes all the putts she does," Lewis said. "Putting wins golf tournaments. That's what gets you to number one in the world. That's something I've been focused on really over the last few years."







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## UFC 159 fight - 'Jones vs Sonnen'



-- After two unsuccessful bids at the Middleweight crown, Chael Sonnen will take his mixed martial arts (MMA) talents, as well as his gift for gab, 20 pounds north to take on reigning UFC Light Heavyweight Champion Jon Jones (defending his title for the fifth time) this weekend (Sat., April 27,

2013) after defeating him by proxy on The Ultimate Fighter (TUF) 17.

The 205-pound pair will collide in the UFC 159 main event, which goes down at the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey.

With many considering him undeserving of another

championship bout, Sonnen heads into this fight a massive underdog.

Joining them on the pay-per-view (PPV) broadcast are Alan Belcher and Michael Bisping, looking to rebound from tough losses to Yushin Okami and Vitor Belfort, respectively. Plus, Vinny Magalhaes -- a 2011 Abu Dhabi Combat Club (ADCC) gold medal winner -- will tangle with Phil Davis -- an NCAA Division I wrestling champion -- as the two attempt to get a foothold in the top-heavy 205-pound division.

## Tennis: Wozniacki swept aside by Spanish clay expert

STUTTGART (AFP) - Denmark's former world number one Caroline Wozniacki exited the WTA Stuttgart Open on Wednesday, losing 7-6 (8/6), 6-1 to Spanish clay court specialist Carla Suarez in their first round clash.

Wozniacki, seeded seven and a finalist in the tournament in 2011, had only herself to blame after letting a 3-0 lead in the first set slip away to lose in a hard fought tie-break.

However, Suarez, ranked 27th in the world to Wozniacki's 10th, eased through the second set against a demoralised Danish opponent to seal victory on her first match point and claim the scalp of a top-10 ranked player for the sixth time in her career.

Suarez, who has yet to win a WTA event despite reaching four finals, will meet Kazakh player Yaroslava Shvedova, ranked 10 places

below her, in the second round.

Fifth-seed Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic later enjoyed a 7-5, 6-7(0/7), 6-3 win over wild-card Annika Beck, but only after the German put up a tough fight in the second set.

Australia's Samantha Stosur, a finalist here in 2010 en route to reaching the French Open final, crashed out in the first round as she lost in straight sets 6-4, 6-4 to former world number one Jelena Jankovic.

In today's second round, top seed Maria Sharapova, who is using Stuttgart as preparation to defend her French Open title, will play Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic.

Second-seed Li Na of China plays Mirjana Lucic-Baroni of Croatia in the other half of the draw.

## Amateur Boxing at Centro Betico Croes on 30th of April -

-- Arubox presents International Amateur night of boxing at the Centro Betico Croes in Santa Cruz. Doors opens at 7:00 pm and the first bout starts at 7:30 pm. We have confirmed regional guests from the island of Saba, the two boxers Enoch Charles and Shimal Levenston.

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## NBA: First-round playoff .....

DENVER (AFP) - Stephen Curry scored 30 points and added 13 assists on Tuesday to power the hot-shooting Golden State Warriors over the Denver Nuggets 131-117 to even their NBA opening-round playoff series.

Jarrett Jack netted 26 points, Harrison Barnes added 24 points and Klay Thompson contributed 21 points on 5-of-6 shooting from 3-point range for the Warriors, now level at 1-1 in the best-of-seven Western Conference matchup.

The Warriors connected on 51-of-79 shots from the field, 64.6 percent, to set a club single-game playoff record for shooting accuracy, shattering the old mark of 57.9 percent set against Phoenix in 1994.

Not since 1991 had an NBA team shot so well in a playoff game.

And Golden State's sharp-shooting performance came in the first game without David Lee, the standout forward who suffered a season-ending torn right hip flexor in game one, where the Nuggets edged the Warriors 97-95 last Saturday.

Golden State will host games three and four on Friday and Sunday at Oakland, California, before the series returns to Denver for game five next Tuesday.

Australian big man Andrew Bogut added six points and a game-high eight rebounds plus two steals, an assist and a

blocked shot for the Warriors.

Denver was led by 19 points from Ty Lawson and reserve Corey Brewer and 18 from Andre Iguodala and reserve Andre Miller, but the Nuggets saw a 24-game home win streak snapped, losing at home for the first time since January 18.

While In New York's Carmelo Anthony and Miami stars LeBron James and Dwyane Wade sparked their teams to NBA playoff triumphs that gave the Knicks and Heat 2-0 Eastern Conference series leads.

Anthony, who shot 3-for-11 in the first half, scored a game-high 34 points to power the host Knicks over Boston 87-71, giving New York a 2-0 lead in their best-of-seven opening round playoff series.

And at Miami, Wade scored 21 points while James had 19 points, eight rebounds and six assists to spark the defending NBA champion Heat over Milwaukee 98-86 for a 2-0 lead in their best-of-seven first-round matchup.

The Bucks stayed within reach until a 12-0 Miami run sparked by reserves to open the fourth quarter brought the Heat an 80-65 lead and ended Milwaukee's hopes of an upset of the top overall playoff seeds.

Ersan Ilyasova scored 21 points and grabbed six rebounds for Milwaukee, which will host game three on Today.



**Spanish center Marc Gasol of the Memphis Grizzlies was named as the NBA Defensive Player of the Year, outpolling Miami Heat superstar LeBron James to capture the award. Gasol averaged 1.7 blocked shots and 1.0 steals a game in addition to 14.1 points, 7.8 rebounds and 4.0 assists over 80 games this season, leading a Memphis squad that allowed an NBA-low 88.7 points a game in the regular season. Gasol, the first Grizzlies player to receive the honour, received 30 first-place votes and a total of 212 points from a media panel with James, who has never taken the award, second with 149 points and 18 first-place ballots. Oklahoma City big man Serge Ibaka, who helped Spain take silver behind the James-led American team at last year's London Olympics, was third on 122 points with Chicago's Joakim Noah fourth on 107.**

At New York, the Celtics led 48-42 at half-time but the Knicks shot 70.6 percent from the field in the third period and outscored Boston 32-11, holding the visitors to 22.2 percent shooting for the quarter to turn around the game.

The Knicks visit Boston for games on Friday and Sunday with a chance to sweep into the second round or find themselves in a level fight.

J.R. Smith, named the NBA's top reserve, added 19 points and Raymond Felton added 16 points and seven rebounds for the Knicks, who Woodson stressed are not a one-man show.

Paul Pierce finished with 18 points, six rebounds and six assists for the Celtics while Kevin Garnett added 12 points and 11 rebounds despite foul trouble. But they never recov-

ered from the third quarter.

New York's Smith made a nod toward Boston supporters, saying, "I hope it gives fans a chance to get things off their minds for two or three hours."

Mike Brown was named coach of the NBA Cleveland Cavaliers yesterday, returning to the post he held from 2005 to 2010 in a five-season run that saw the Cavaliers reach the NBA Finals.

Brown went 272-138 in that span, which also included the Cavaliers having superstar playmaker LeBron James in the lineup before he departed his home region club to join the Miami Heat, leading them to last year's NBA crown.

The Cavaliers reached the 2007 NBA Finals under Brown, only to be swept by San Antonio. Brown was fired after Cleveland was eliminated in the second round of the 2010 NBA playoffs.

Brown replaced Byron Scott, who took over after James' departure and went 64-166 over three seasons, including 24-58 in the season that ended last week.

Brown, the 2009 NBA Coach of the Year with Cleveland, coached the Los Angeles Lakers to a 41-25 mark in the lockout-shortened 2011-2012 season and was fired after a 1-4 start into the campaign that just concluded.